

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. CLAIM STATUS & AMENDMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-19, and 21-23 were pending in this application when last examined.

Claims 15-17 are withdrawn as non-elected subject matter.

In items 4 and 6 on page 1 of the Action, it is indicated that claims 1, 2, 4-12, 18, 19 and 21-23 have been examined on the merits, and stand rejected. Claim 14 was not included in this list of rejected claims, nor was this claim included in a rejection. Kindly clarify the status of this claim.

Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to recite "laser ablation" instead of "pulsed laser deposition" to better clarify the claimed invention. The specification at page 5, lines 27-31, at page 6, lines 13-18, and at page 7, lines 25-30 has been similarly amended.

Support for the term "laser ablation" can be found in the specification, for example, at page 7, lines 15-24 and Figure 2. "Laser ablation" is commonly used in the field to describe the techniques disclosed in the specification. Furthermore, during the telephone discussion with Examiner Phan on August 23, 2004, it was suggested that claims 1 and 18 and the specification be amended to recite "laser ablation" rather than "laser abration." Thus, the claims and the specification have been amended in accordance with this suggestion.

The specification has been amended at page 2, line 7 to recite "500 nm" as suggested by the Examiner.

Therefore, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 18, 19 and 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, on the basis that the specification lacks written description support for the term "pulsed laser deposition." See items 4 and 5 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment overcomes this rejection. Again, the claims and the specification have been

amended to recite "laser ablation" as suggested by the Examiner during a telephone discussion on August 23, 2004.

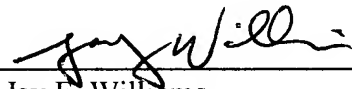
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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